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25X1 SUBJECT: WEST GERMAN SALE OF RADIO EQUIPMENT TO THE MIDDLE EAST

WEST GERMANY'S DECISION TO SELL $12.5 MILLION WORTH OF LONG-RANGE RADIO EQUIPMENT TO SYRIA AND LIBYA IS A GESTURE OF SUPPORT FOR THE ARABS CONSISTENT WITH A PLAUSIBLE DENIAL THAT THE EQUIPMENT IS FOR MILITARY PURPOSES. THIS IS AN UNUSUALLY LARGE SALE FOR CIVILIAN PURPOSES IN SYRIA AND LIBYA, IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE THE EXACT MILITARY/CIVILIAN SIGNIFICANCE OF THE EQUIPMENT. LONG-RANGE RADIO EQUIPMENT CAN BE USED INTERCHANGEABLY FOR EITHER MILITARY OR CIVILIAN PURPOSES.

THIS SALE IS CONSISTENT WITH BONN'S EFFORTS TO DEMONSTRATE

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SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT FOR THE ARABS WHEREVER POSSIBLE WITHOUT VIOLATING WEST GERMANY'S BAN ON THE SALE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO THE MIDDLE EAST. EARLIER PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THE WEST GERMANS MAY ALSO HAVE SOLD HELICOPTERS AND EXPLOSIVES TO UNSPECIFIED ARABS STATES "FOR CIVILIAN USE." [redacted]

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